

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 19, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:27 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jim Giacone, Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Shane Cockrum and Jay Copple.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; and Edimar Villa-Martinez, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

***4.3 Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy**

Board President, Mark Minor, requested to add the Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, the Purchase or Lease of Real Property and Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:28 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:22 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jim Giacone – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, and Jay Copple – yes. Board members absent: Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; and Edimar Villa-Martinez, Student Council Representative.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2024**
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2024
Special Board Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2024
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2024
Special Board Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2024
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2024
- 5.2 Approve Financial Report (August 2024)**
- 5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (August 2024)**
- 5.4 Review/Approve Annual Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report (ENCL A)**
- 5.5 Approve Sunday Practice Dates for Extracurricular Activities as Presented (ENCL B)**
- 5.6 Approve overnight stay for boys' basketball to Litchfield/Carlinville on December 13, 2024**
- 5.7 Approve Choir Field Trip to the Fox Theatre, St. Louis, MO October 5, 2024**
- 5.8 Review/Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates Issue 116 (ENCL C)**
- 5.9 Review/Approve Surplus Property (ENCL D)**

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure C has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Varsity girl's locker rooms renovation is still in progress. Lockers are installed, but being repainted and finishing touches applied.
- RHG sound system upgrades are scheduled for fall break.
- New door monitors and access control devices have been installed.
- With the help of Jim Muir, a BCHS school publication is in the works and hoping for the first publication January 2025.
- Thank you to Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller for their continued efforts to keep students safe.
- Update on threats

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.

Mr. Miller provided a discipline report.

Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to board members emails.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

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9.1 Review/Adopt FY 25 Budget Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Assignment of Personnel

9.3 Employment of Personnel

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.5 Review/Approve Transfer of Activity Account Funds from Interest to Miscellaneous Jay Copple made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

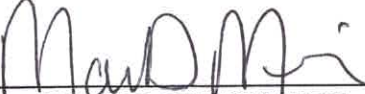
9.6 Discussion/Action regarding the formation of a committee to investigate the viability of building a baseball/softball complex for BCHS

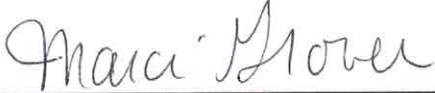
9.7 Approve new date for the October 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Marci Glover acknowledged Brandi Kay for her renovation of the library to become more user friendly for students.
- Stacia Sloan provided thanks for the yearbooks that were provided to board members, as well as thanked the staff for their work with students during some difficult times the last few weeks.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jim Giacone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.


BOARD PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY